

## CDC Update: CDC case definition of anthrax and summary of confirmed cases

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### CDC case definition of anthrax

CDC defines a confirmed case of anthrax as 1) a clinically compatible case of cutaneous, inhalational, or gastrointestinal illness that is laboratory confirmed by isolation of *B. anthracis* from an affected tissue or site or 2) other laboratory evidence of *B. anthracis* infection based on at least two supportive laboratory tests.

Based on this definition, CDC is reporting 6 confirmed cases of anthrax: 2 in Florida, 3 in New York, and one in New Jersey. However, there are two additional cases with less laboratory evidence being reported by local investigators.

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